#### VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Conference Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 13, 2011

#### **VSERS** Members present:

Kevin Gaffney, Chairperson, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2011)

Jeff Briggs, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012)

Paul White, Jr., VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012)

Thomas Hango, VSEA Alternate (term expiring September 1, 2011) - via telephone

Roger Dumas, Vice-Chairperson, VRSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012) – via telephone

Richard Johannesen, Governor's Delegate (ex-officio) - via telephone

Kate Duffy, Commissioner of Human Resources (ex-officio) - via telephone

James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management (ex-officio)

Elizabeth Pearce, VT State Treasurer

#### **Members absent:**

None

#### Also attending:

Cynthia Webster, Director of Retirement Policy and Outreach & Secretary to the Board Shaka Rashwed – member of the public Monica Chiren, Assistant to Cynthia Webster

The Chairperson, Kevin Gaffney, called the Thursday, January 13, 2011 meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

#### ITEM 1: Approve the Minutes of:

• December 14, 2010

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. White, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010, as amended.

Ms. Pearce provided the Board members an update concerning the request by Mike Donohue relative to the top 100 pensions. Ms. Pearce indicated the Attorney General's Office opinion was to provide the names and the gross, but not the hometown of the members. Ms. Pearce indicated Ms. Webster and staff contacted the people on the list to inform them of the request. Ms. Pearce indicated the percent of retirees that have a gross pension under \$25,000 is 82% for VSERS, 84% for VSTRS and 85% for VMERS. Ms. Pearce indicated this information was also provided to the reporter.

# **ITEM 2:** Discuss/Act on disability retirement recommendation for:

• Joseph Cyphers

New

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Ms. Duffy, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing the disability retirement of Joseph G. Cyphers.

After further discussion Mr. Dumas withdrew his motion to enter Executive Session.

On motion by Mr. Reardon, seconded by Mr. Briggs, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Joseph G. Cyphers, with a one-year review.

## **ITEM 3**: Any other business to be brought before the Board

The Board reviewed items they would be addressing during the coming year, including sending out an RFI, in conjunction with the Teachers' Board, for the Secure Foundation product, having a presentation from AAG at the February meeting, and the automatic enrollment into the 457 Plan. Mr. Dumas explained the Great West website has dropped the mutual funds from 2007. Ms. Webster indicated she will work with Mr. Dumas and Great West on this issue. Ms. Pearce indicated there is a risk management process going on and that one of the things they will concentrate on will be Great West and their contracts. Ms. Pearce indicated she will report back to the Board after the improvements are identified. Ms. Pearce indicated it was a smooth transition for SDIA in December. Mr. Briggs indicated the concern union members had concerning investments and fraud. Ms. Pearce indicated that they are in pretty good shape concerning this issue and outlined the controls they have in place and VPIC.

### ITEM 4: Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Briggs the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:31 a.m.

### **Next Meeting Date:**

The next scheduled VSERS meeting is an in-house meeting on February 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Webster Secretary to the Board